



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

February 26, 2018

MR. JOHN GREENWALD, JR.
SUITE 1203
27305 WEST LIVE OAK ROAD
CASTAIC, CA 91384

FOIPA Request No.: 1394857-000
Subject: EWING, WILLIAM MAURICE

Dear Mr. Greenwald:

Records responsive to your request were previously processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Enclosed is one CD containing 13 pages of previously processed documents and a copy of the Explanation of Exemptions. This release is being provided to you at no charge.

Please be advised that additional records potentially responsive to your subject may exist. If this release of previously processed material does not satisfy your information needs for this request, you may request an additional search for records. Submit your request by mail or fax to – Work Process Unit, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602, fax number (540) 868-4997. Please cite the FOIPA Request Number in your correspondence.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). This response is limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

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You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", is placed below the word "Sincerely,".

David M. Hardy
Section Chief,
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
1530 P STREET NW.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

VANNEVAR BUSH
Director

Zone 25
27 November 1944

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, 25, D. C.

Attention:

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We have your letter of November 23, 1944, advising that it is the opinion of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice that no violation of any Federal statute within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is involved in connection with a mimeographed notice circulated among NDRC contractors concerning Dr. Maurice Ewing.

The time and consideration you have given to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


Oscar M. Ruebhausen
General Counsel

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OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
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WASHINGTON, D. C.
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4 November 1944

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On October 28, 1944 I wrote to you about a libelous mimeographed notice which was being circulated by some unknown persons concerning Dr. Maurice Ewing.

Since writing you, we have received from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Post Office Department in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, another copy of the mimeographed notice purporting to have been sent out by this organization. The document in question is enclosed herewith for whatever assistance it may be to you in your investigations.

We have not yet written to [REDACTED] and will not do so until we have heard from you.

Very truly yours,

Oscar W. Ruebhausen
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General Counsel

Enclosure



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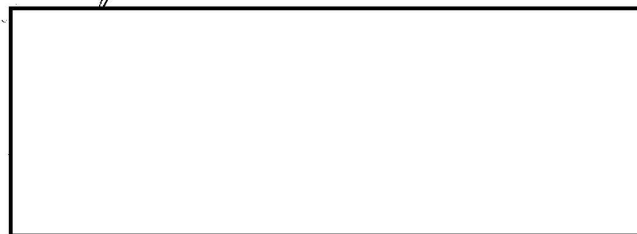
1530 P Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 25

TO: NDRC Contractors
FROM: Security Officer
Subject: Dr. Maurice Ewing

Information has come to this office that Dr. Ewing is to become the defendant in a prosecution under the Mann Act. As he is on the staff of an NDRC contractor, we are concerned that the pending action shall not jeopardize security in any way.

If you have information relative to Dr. Ewing's activities from Dec. 19 through 31, 1942, which might bear on this case, please forward same to this office at once.

I am sorry. I can give you no information relative to the Ewing's activities from Dec. 19 through 31, 1942. His mail is handled by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst. where he is employed.



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ENCLOSURE

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
DIVISION OF WAR RESEARCH

Committee

George B. Pegram, Chairman
Frank D. Fackenthal, Provost
Henry M. Schley, Comptroller

Marshall Kay
Administrative Aide

Reply to the Undersigned

Columbia University
Broadway at 116th Street
New York 27, New York

October 26, 1944

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Dear 

With this I send you one of the two copies of the unsigned mimeographed memorandum purporting to come from your office which were received by Columbia University this morning and which I discussed with you over the telephone. The envelope in which this copy came is also enclosed.

This missive is obviously a piece of spite work which may have been sent solely to Columbia University because of the fact that Dr. Ewing has accepted an appointment as Associate Professor of Geophysics in Columbia University to become effective after the completion of his war work. On the other hand, it may have been given wider distribution, in which case you may hear of it from other sources.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ George B. Pegram

George B. Pegram, Chairman
Committee on War Research
Columbia University

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OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
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1530 P. Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 25

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OFFICE OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

1530 P Street NW

Washington, D.C.

Zone 25

28 October 1944

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Dear Mr. Hoover: b6
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Pursuant to a telephone conversation I had today with of your staff, I am enclosing herewith the original of a letter dated October 26, 1944 which Security Officer of the OSRD received from Dean George B. Pegram of Columbia University together with the mimeographed copy of the alleged notice from the OSRD Security Officer to all NDRC contractors.

This security notice follows the general form and format of security notices put out by the OSRD. This mimeographed document was not issued by the OSRD Security Office and it may be calculated to interfere with the work which Dr. Ewing is doing for us.

The initials "NDRC" stand for National Defense Research Committee, which is a committee within the OSRD organization. This committee supervises the letting of research contracts to academic institutions and industrial organizations throughout the country. Approximately 30,000 of the nation's scientists are engaged in research for the OSRD, whole or part-time, under such contracts.

Dr. Ewing is now employed by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, an NDRC contractor.

I would appreciate your checking into this matter to see whether anything more than a grim prank is involved.

After the enclosed papers have served your purposes, I would appreciate your returning them to me for our files, along with whatever report you may wish to make.

Very truly yours,

Enclosures

Oscar M. Ruebhausen
General Counsel

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : MR. E. A. TAMM *11/24*

DATE: November 6, 1944

FROM : A. Rosen *R*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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Mr. Mohr
Mr. Carson
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Mumford
Mr. Jones
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Tele. Room
Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

The Bureau has received a letter from the Office of Scientific Research and Development, Washington, D. C., enclosing a mimeograph notice containing the caption, "Office of Sencitific Research and Development," which as you will note is not the correct name of this governmental agency. The mimeograph note was sent through the U. S. mails postmarked at New York City to the President of Columbia University.

The mimeograph notice tends to accuse Dr. Maurice Ewing of violating the Mann Act. A check of the Bureau's files failed to reflect a pending case of any kind against Dr. Ewing.

Dr. Ewing is now employed by the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, Massachusetts, an NDRC contractor.

RECOMMENDATION

There does not appear to be a violation of the Impersonation or related statutes involved. However, there may be a possible violation of other Federal statutes involved and, accordingly, it is recommended that the entire situation be placed before the Criminal Division of the Department. Attached for your approval is a memorandum to the Criminal Division together with a letter to the Office of Scientific Research and Development advising them of the Bureau's action.

Attachments

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Director
Office of Scientific Research and Development
Office for Emergency Management
1530 P Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Oscar M. Ruebhausen

This is to acknowledge your letter of October 28, 1944, addressed to the attention of [redacted] of this Bureau.

The contents of your letter together with copies of the mimeograph bulletin have been furnished to the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice to determine if there is involved a violation of any Federal statute within the jurisdiction of this Bureau. Upon receipt of a reply from the Criminal Division of the Department, you will be further advised.

The enclosures accompanying your letter are returned herewith.

[Handwritten signature]
Enclosures

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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November 11, 1944

Director
Office of Scientific Research and Development
Office for Emergency Management
1530 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Oscar M. Ruebhausen

This is in reply to your letter of November 4, 1944, enclosing another copy of a mimeographed notice purporting to have been issued by your organization. As previously stated, this situation has been brought to the attention of Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark, Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, to ascertain if there has been a violation of any Federal statute within the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

When advice is received from Mr. Clark, you will be advised of his decision.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
 FROM : Mr. Clark, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division
 SUBJECT: Unknown Subject; [REDACTED] Miscellaneous Information Concerning

DATE: November 11, 1944

Mr. Tolson

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Mr. Ladd

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Rosen

Mr. Tracy

Mr. Carson

Mr. Egan

Mr. Gurnea

Reference is made to your memorandum dated November 7, 1944, transmitting copies of a letter dated October 28, 1944, from the Office of Scientific Research and Development, Washington, D. C., together with copies of a mimeographed notice allegedly issued by that office, all relating to the above captioned matter.

Upon consideration of this matter, it is the opinion of this Division that no violation of any Federal statute within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is involved.

We are returning herewith one copy of each enclosure.

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OFFICE OF GENETIC RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT

1530 P Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 25

TO: WDRC Contractors

FROM: Security Officer

Subject: Dr. Maurice Ewing

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If you have information relative to Dr. Ewing's activities from Dec. 19 through 31, 1942, which might bear on this case, please forward same to this office at once.

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November 23, 1944

Mr. Oscar M. Ruebhausen
Office For Emergency Management
Office of Scientific Research and Development
1530 P Street, N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Reference is made to your letter of October 28, 1944, transmitting a mimeographed notice circulated among NDRC contractors concerning Dr. Maurice Ewing.

As previously stated, this information together with a copy of the mimeographed notice was furnished to Mr. Tom C. Clark of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice. Mr. Clark has now advised that it is the opinion of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice that no violation of any Federal statute within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation is involved.

In view of the above decision, no action can be taken by this Bureau.

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Mr. Nichols _____
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Mr. Jones _____
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Miss Gandy _____

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T/November 6, 1944

Assistant Attorney General Tom C. Clark

J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

UNKNOWN SUBJECT

MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Attached are copies of a letter received from the Office of Scientific Research and Development, Washington, D. C., together with copies of a mimeographed notice allegedly issued by the Office of Scientific Research and Development. You will note the title of the alleged notice bears the name "Office of Scientific Research and Development."

The notice allegedly circulated by the Office of Scientific Research and Development seems to indicate that Dr. Ewing is about to be subjected to prosecution for violation of the Mann Act. This Bureau has no record of a pending case of any type that can be identified with Dr. Ewing.

This alleged notice was sent through the U. S. mails addressed to "The President, Columbia University, New York, New York" and was postmarked in New York City.

The Office of Scientific Research and Development has requested the Bureau to check into this matter. However, before any action is taken I would appreciate being advised by you whether there is involved the violation of any Federal statute within our jurisdiction.

Enclosures

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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